

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, ELAB, PN, PQ  
SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS; EMPLOYEE ISSUE

PRINCIPAL CONCEPT OF A POSITION PAPER ADOPTED BY AFSCME  
LOCALS REPRESENTING PANAMANIAN-CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF PANCANAL  
AND MILITARY IS THAT ABSOLUTE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY IN  
ALL EMPLOYEE-RELATED MATTERS SHOULD PREVAIL UNDER NEW  
CANAL TREATY. PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR ROMULO ESCOBAR INFORMED  
UNION LEADERS ON MAY 5 THAT HE SAW NOTHING IN THE CONCEPT  
OR DETAILS OF THEIR POSITION PAPER WHICH PANAMA WOULD FAIL  
TO ADOPT AS ITS OWN POSITION. ESCOBAR SAID ALSO THAT HIS  
TEAM INTENDED TO AVOID DETAILED DISCUSSION IN FAVOR OF  
DEFINING BROAD CONCEPTS DURING WASHINGTON NEGOTIATING ROUND.  
UNION LEADERS INVOLVED, CITING BOTH PAST EXPERIENCE WITH TREATY  
NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR IMPRESSION AT MEETING, CONTINUE TO  
BE LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC THAT PANAMA WILL IN THE END STAND  
FIRM IN THEIR SUPPORT. WE HAVE POUCHED TO ARA/LA/PAN (CAMAUR)  
A COPY OF THE PAPER AND ARE POUCHING MEMO SUMMARIZING IT.  
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